

in the State House for several years and considered him a valued friend and colleague. George resigned his seat in 1977, when President Jimmy Carter appointed him as the U.S. Marshall for the Middle District of Florida, a role he served in until 1982. Later he was appointed by Mayor Jake Godbold to the Jacksonville Electric Authority Board of Directors and was, subsequently, elected Board Chairman.

George was a role model to many and a well-respected leader of our community. He was recognized on several occasions for his active role in the leadership of the Boy Scouts of America's Great Northern District. In addition, he maintained an active role and presence in local politics his entire life. Each year, George and his wife Corene hosted a bar-becue at their farm in support of my candidacy for Congress. I was never sure if people came out to see me or George. He dedicated his life to the service of others and his generosity of spirit and warm affability endeared him to his family, his friends and his neighbors. I send my heartfelt condolences to his family and join with all of Jacksonville in mourning our loss.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the outstanding life of one of Florida's and Jacksonville's most outstanding citizens, The Honorable George R. Grosse.

REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE ON WORLD AIDS DAY

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, today, December 1, 2016, marks the 28th World AIDS Day—a day to come together in support of people around the world who live with HIV/AIDS, to remember those we've lost, and to commit ourselves to eradicating this vile disease once and for all.

For me, this day conjures back a memory I have of visiting the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt on the National Mall on a sweltering day in Washington a few summers ago. Although I was sweating through my suit, it was impossible not to stand there without being profoundly moved. I was moved when I thought about the fathers, mothers, cousins, sisters, brothers, friends, and other loved ones whose lives were cut short by this wretched disease—many of whom had their stories memorialized on a panel of the AIDS quilt for the world to see. Stories like that of Ryan White, an Indiana teenager who was diagnosed with HIV in 1984 after receiving a contaminated blood treatment for Hemophilia. Just 13 years old, Ryan was barred from returning to school, cast asunder by a society that did not yet comprehend that the disease transmits independently of lifestyle. But he spent the rest of his young life advocating for understanding and against an unjust stigma, finally perishing far too young at 18. Countless stories like Ryan's are a reminder that we must never forget how far we've come, and how far we have left to go.

That said, we've made tremendous progress since the first World AIDS Day in 1988. So many people today are alive because of the investment, hard work, activism and commitment of those who fought for this progress,

like Ryan—for housing, for prevention, for a fair shake for those who today live with this wretched disease.

In Congress, I have worked with my colleagues on the Congressional HIV/AIDS caucus to support policies that promote research, prevention, and, most importantly, a cure. Through my work with these magnificent colleagues—many of whom have been fighting this battle since long before I dreamed of running for Congress—I have resolved that we must fully fund programs that fight AIDS at home and abroad. Programs like the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria—both of which provide antiretroviral HIV treatments and screenings to millions of children and adults around the world. And the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS—a program that allows Americans with AIDS to access subsidized, low-income housing.

Today, our government has made stopping the proliferation of HIV/AIDS a priority, and the impact is real. Last year, the U.S. government spent \$26.42 billion on HIV/AIDS treatment, prevention, and accommodations domestically, and \$6.57 billion for international programs. Between 2005 and 2014, the annual total of new cases has fallen 19 percent largely due to increased screenings and prevention measures. Even still, the lifetime cost of treating an HIV infection is \$379,000—a staggering amount considering that 30 percent of those living with the disease lack health insurance.

I am especially pleased by news that the National Institutes of Health started a grant program in July of this year to fund research into a cure—\$30 million per year over the next five years. amFAR, a non-profit research organization, has committed to investing \$100 million to form the scientific basis for a cure by 2020.

The scientists tell us the moment is now. A cure is possible if we commit ourselves to it. As long as I am in Congress, I will fight to make the necessary resources available to eradicate HIV/AIDS and realize our shared dream of an AIDS-free generation.

IN HONOR OF DAVE POTTER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dave Potter, a model public servant on this memorable occasion of his retirement from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors. I have had the tremendous pleasure in working with Dave over the years and the great honor to call him a dear friend.

Dave originally hails from Hingham, Massachusetts. In 1970, his van broke down on Highway 1 near Carmel and he just stayed and made the Monterey Peninsula his home. Starting in the early 70s, he built a general contracting business, Potter Construction. That work soon led him into the world of public policy as an appointee to the City of Monterey's Architectural Review Committee and then Planning Commission and ultimately to an elected seat on the Monterey City Council.

In 1996, Dave was elected to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to represent the

Fifth District, the same supervisorial district I represented from 1975 to 1980. He quickly gained a reputation on the Board as a doer, a leader who got stuff done. The Carmel Hill Highway 1 climbing lane is a good example, and one that many of us use on a daily basis. And then there were countless other tasks and efforts that made life in the Fifth District that much better: resolution to a parking problem, a new park, viable ambulance service, assistance with County Planning, etc. His service stood out particularly in response to disasters both small and large. During the 2008 Basin Complex Fire and this year's Sobranes Fire, Dave and his office were ever present in the thick of the action helping the community and incident command resolve countless issues that came up on an almost daily basis. This kind of service won Dave reelection in 2000, 2004, 2008, and 2012.

During his tenure on the Board, Dave served on many boards, committees and commissions including the California Coastal Commission for 12 years, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Fort Ord Reuse Authority, Legislative Committee, Fort Ord Committee, Capital Improvements Committee, Natividad Medical Center Board of Trustees, Chair of Transportation Agency for Monterey County, and Chair of the Rail Policy Committee. In addition, Dave received numerous awards of recognition from 1980 through 2015 from a multitude of local cities and organizations, Chambers of Commerce, including resolutions from California State Senate and Congress representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I speak for the whole House in thanking Supervisor Potter for his many years of dedicated public service. I want to especially thank Dave's wife Janine and his three adult children Myles, Tyler, and Sarah, and grandchildren, Ciara and Bella for lending their husband, father, and grandfather to the people of this community. As a resident myself of the Fifth District, I know that my neighbors and I owe him a deep gratitude for doing so much to improve our quality of life. The world is a better place because of his efforts.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BELOVED WILLIAM LEE "BILL" SUTLER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Northwest Florida's beloved William Lee "Bill" Sutler, who passed away on November 24, 2016. His love for his family and community, as well as his dedicated service in the United States Navy, will be remembered by all those who knew him.

Bill was born August 31, 1932, in Stanton, Virginia where he grew up with his mother and two sisters. At the young age of 17, Bill made the choice to serve our Nation by joining the United States Navy, serving faithfully and honorably for the next 26 years. Bill utilized his talents as an aircraft mechanic aboard several ships including the USS *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, USS *Saratoga*, USS *Constellation*, and the